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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Anupam et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0048981). Applicant respectfully submits the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation and traverses this rejection.

Reply to Response to Arguments

Since the Examiner has maintained the prior rejections and has provided arguments in support of this position, Applicants will address the Examiner's response first. In the outstanding final Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the Wireless Reconnect Application (WRA) runs on either the application server 111 and/or the Wireless Reconnect Media Server (WRMS) "to anticipate the Applicant's claimed 'monitoring by the server,' since the WRA runs on whichever server." (See final Office Action: page 2, paragraph no. 1.)

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's interpretation of Anupam is overreaching. Anupam clearly discloses that when an existing call is dropped, the MSC 102 receives a cause code associated with the reason for the dropping. Once a dropped call is detected, a Wireless Reconnect Application (WRA) 110, running on an application server 111 is dynamically called, with the cause code associated with

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dropped call passed to it as input. Moreover, when WRA 110 is called from a passive state, not involved in the previous communication between wireless terminal 106 and terminal 107, WRA 110 takes control and redirects the voice stream to and from the still connected landline terminal 107 to WRMS 112. (See page 2, [0010].)

Once the connection between mobile terminal 106 and landline terminal 107 is reestablished, WRA 110 enters the passive mode which it will be dynamically called to regain control if the call drops again, but not interacting with that or any other connection otherwise. (See page 2, [0012].)

Applicants respectfully submit that Anupam fails to teach or suggest, at least, "monitoring by the server the status of the inbound call ... monitoring by the server the status of the outbound call," as recited in claim 1.

Applicants contend that Anupam merely discloses that WRA 110, which (as admitted by the Examiner) runs on either application server 111 and/or WRMS 112, is passive until it receives a call code which is received from an external source, and once call is reestablished, WRA 110 returns to the passive mode and does not interact with the connection. Therefore, the system disclosed by Anupam cannot have the passive WRA monitoring the status of inbound calls and/or outbound calls, as required by claim 1.

Moreover, Applicants further submit that Anupam fails to disclose a "telephone connection having been established by a telephone call having been initially placed by the calling party to a primary number of the called party and subsequently rerouted by a telephone server to an auxiliary number assigned to the called party, thereby establishing an inbound call from the calling party to the server and an outbound call from the server to the called party," as recited in claim 1.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner failed to address this feature in the rejection, and that Anupam is silent with respect to this feature. Accordingly, Anupam does not teach each and every feature of applicants claimed combinations as is required for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 10 recites related subject matter to above-identified independent claim 1, and is therefore allowable at least for reasons similar to those given above. Further, the dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on the above-identified independent claims. See MPEP § 2143.01. Moreover, these claims recite additional subject matter, which is not suggested by the documents taken either alone or in combination.

SUMMARY

Since the Examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as noted above, Applicants once again traverse these rejections. Applicants expressly maintain the reasons from the prior responses to clearly indicate on the record that Applicant has not conceded any of the previous positions relative to the maintained rejections. For brevity, Applicant expressly incorporates the prior arguments presented in the December 16, 2005 response without a literal rendition of those arguments in this response.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 are distinguishable over the applied art. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

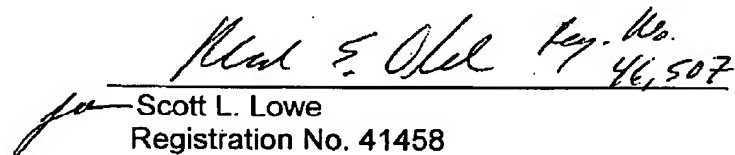
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